



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 01-668)

PATENT

In re Application of: Welcher et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/729,264 ) Before the Examiner: B. Whiteman  
Filed: November 28, 2000 ) Group Art Unit: 1633  
For: B7-Like Molecules and )  
Uses Thereof )

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 17, 2001**

Responsive to the Office Action, mailed July 17, 2001, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**AMENDMENTS**

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments.

**In the Claims:**

Please amend the following claims:

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1. (Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising:  
(a) the nucleotide sequence as set forth in any of SEQ ID NO: 1, SEQ ID NO: 3, or SEQ ID NO: 5;  
(b) a nucleotide sequence encoding the polypeptide as set forth in any of SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 4, or SEQ ID NO: 6;  
(c) a nucleotide sequence which hybridizes under at least moderately stringent conditions to the complement of the nucleotide sequence of either (a) or (b), wherein the encoded polypeptide has an activity of the polypeptide as set forth in any of SEQ ID NO: 2, SEQ ID NO: 4, or SEQ ID NO: 6.